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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: Lundy LEWIS CONFIRMATION No.: 4279

SERIAL NUMBER: 09/578,156 EXAMINER: Jeffrey R. Swearingen

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FOR: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR EVENT CORRELATION IN SERVICE LEVEL MANAGEMENT (SLM)

## REPLY AND AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

## Mail Stop RCE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed **August 22, 2006**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned for under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 033975 (Ref. No. 019287-0317293).